



U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Steven M. Adams

Sgt. 1st Class Steven M. Adams is a 13-year veteran of the United States Army and is currently serving as part of the Why We Serve speakers program. He has recently returned from assignments in Qatar, Iraq, and Afghanistan. He is speaking to groups around the country about his personal experiences serving in support of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In November 2006 Adams returned from a six month deployment in Qatar, supporting Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. During this tour Adams served as the Detachment 1SG for a Joint Tactical Ground Station (JTGS). Prior to deploying to Qatar, Adams spent a total of twenty months overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan both before and after being selected to train and field the Army's first Air Defense Airspace Management cell to the 3rd Infantry Division.

Adams first deployed to Qatar in 2000 while stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas where he served as a Joint Tactical Ground Station instructor and Crew Chief. After four months in Qatar, Adams was extended and served an additional two months during the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Adams is currently stationed in Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. and is the only CONUS Detachment First Sergeant in the Army for a JTGS assigned within 1ST Space Co, 1ST Space BDE, Space and Missile Defense Command. Adams is married to Maria and has four sons. When not fulfilling his military responsibilities, Adams enjoys fishing, boating and just spending time with his family.

Adams' decorations include Meritorious Service Medal, Army Accommodation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medals with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal with four Knots, National Defense Service Ribbon with Bronze Star, Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, Non Commissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon (numeral 3), the Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Drivers Badge and the Air Force Space and Missile Defense badge.